

# Pre-Writing Strategies

## Free Write

Give yourself about 5-10 minutes to **FREE WRITE** whatever comes to mind about your specific assignment.



### Helpful Tips-

- Do not worry about full sentences.
- Do not worry about correct grammar or spelling.
- Do not take time to stop and reflect on what you written until after your allotted time is up.
- Keep your pen or pencil moving for the whole time.

## List

Organize your ideas, thoughts, and evidence into **LISTS**.



### Helpful Tips-

- Start with a few pieces of blank paper.
- Again, complete sentences are not necessary.
- If stuck, try answering the questions of who? What? Where? Why? When? And How?
- If the assignment involves responding to a text, try listing the main ideas.

## Outline

Make an **OUTLINE** to distinguish your main ideas from supporting details.  
For example:

- What is the best meal of the day?
- I. Breakfast
    - a. Gives an energy boost
    - b. Restores glucose levels
    - c. Reduces overeating at other meals
  - II. Lunch
    - a. Keeps the body working during the afternoon
    - b. Large variety of food options
    - c. Sustains concentration during the work day
  - III. Dinner
    - a. Keeps you full throughout the night
    - b. Dinner Parties!
    - c. The meal most frequently accompanied by dessert
  - IV. Conclusion
    - a. They're all pretty great

## Clustering

Make a diagram by **CLUSTERING** information into topics and subtopics.

